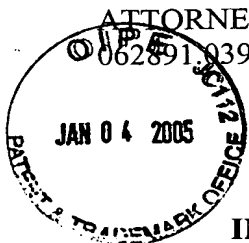


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In response to the Office Action mailed November 5, 2004, Applicant respectfully
requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following
comments as set forth below.